

## The Originals Are Overrated

Some statements of faith in many Bible believing churches say that they believe in the “inspiration of the originals”. What did God promise in Psalm 12:6-7?

Jer. 36:1-4, 17-23, 27-28, 32. Now, what Baruch the scribe had originally written down in verse 4 is the “original.” In verse 23 it was *consumed in the fire*. So how does God respond when the “original” is lost? God inspires “original # 2!” Jer. 45:1; 51:61-64. Now, after it was read as God had commanded, He also commanded to *cast it into the midst of Euphrates*. Yet even still today we have a copy of Jeremiah Chapters 45-51. How did we get a copy if the “original” was consumed in the fire, and the “original # 2” was cast into the river? Somewhere along the line, God inspired “original # 3”! If only the “original” manuscripts are inspired, then we can not have an inspired copy of Jeremiah 45-51. **People today put more emphasis on the originals than God does!**

Exo. 31:18; 32:15-16, 19. Now, what God had written on the tables of stone in 31:18 is the “original.” In 32:19 we see that the tables were broken! Exo. 34:1, 4, 27, 29. Now, the two tables of testimony (“original #2”) were written the second time. These were the tables that were **preserved** in the Ark of the Covenant for generations to come!

How many of you have ever heard that a translation of the Bible can not be inspired? There’s no place in the Bible that says that! In fact, there are at least 30 inspired translations in the Bible!

Gen. 42:21-23. Joseph spoke Egyptian. Egyptian interpreter spoke Hebrew. Moses wrote Hebrew. Acts 26:13-15. Jesus spoke Hebrew. Luke wrote Greek. A translation can be inspired!

**Inspiration without preservation is a divine waste of time!** Psalm 12:6-7. **Inspiration is a blank sheet of paper, man, and God. Preservation is the inspired words, man, and God; it is taking what was already inspired and preserving it!** 2 Tim.3:16. 2 Pet. 1:20-21. Inspiration of the Scriptures is DICTATION! God’s “ideas” were not inspired, His VERY WORDS were!

Can a translation be as good as the original? The word “translate” appears 5 times in Scripture. 2 Sam. 3:10. After Saul died, Abner installed Ishbosheth as a puppet king. So the original state in the text is a split kingdom. The translation has David reigning over a united kingdom! **This is superior to the original!** Col. 1:13. The original state is lost and on the way to hell. The translation is saved and on the way to heaven. **This is superior to the original!** Heb. 11:5. The original state of Enoch is living on a sin-cursed earth. The translation of Enoch is living in heaven with God! **This is superior to the original!** There are 5 reasons why the KJB is **superior** (not “more inspired”) to the originals:

1. It’s all in one volume. Until late 1500’s, never a time the full 66 were together!
2. There are chapter and verse markings. It is much easier to turn to passages.
3. It’s more durable. A book is more durable than scrolls.
4. It’s in English. More people speak English today than anyone has ever spoken any language ever!
5. There are multiple copies. It is readily accessible and available to whosoever.

Another thing you may hear someone discuss is that the *italicized* words in the King James Bible were added by the translators, and simply aren’t inspired. 1 John 2:23. The entire second half of this verse is in *italics*. Are they inspired by God? Well, over 200 years later (in 1840) a Greek manuscript was found that was unavailable to the KJB translators, and when translated into English, it says exactly what the KJB says! **Here is a good one: Who killed Goliath? 2 Sam. 21:19. 1 Chr. 20:5.**